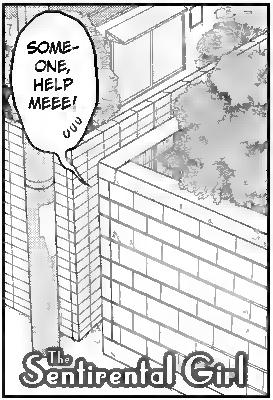
"Stuck" at the start of a new series!



I THOUGHT I WAS TAKING A SHORT-CUT BY GOING THROUGH THIS NARROW PATH
BUT I ENDED UP GETTING MYSELF STUCK AND UN-ABLE TO MOVE.
tight
IT'S GONNA BE SO EMBAR-RASSING IF I DIE LIKE THIS

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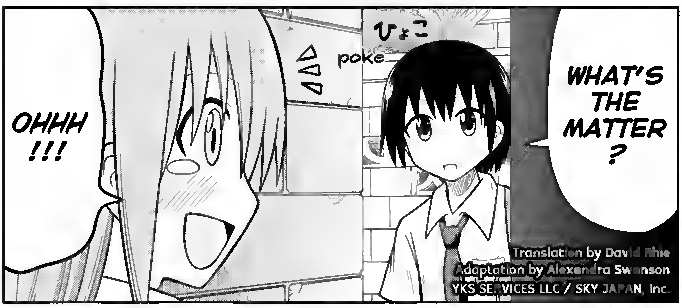
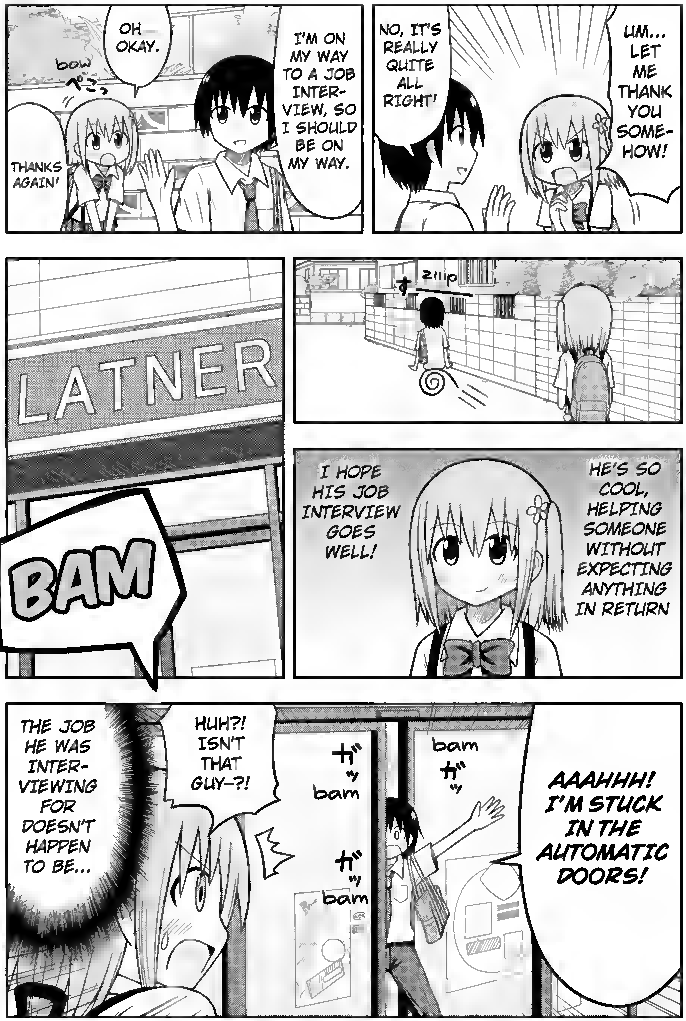


MangaBox

UM... I'VE GOTTEN MYSELF STUCK RIIIIGHT INTO THE WALL!!
SHOULD I HELP GET YOU RIIIIGHT OUT OF IT?
OH, PLEASE !!
ガッ
TUG
URGH!
ゴゴゴゴ
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
AMAZING! YOU CAN MOVE WALLS!
THIS IS A MOVEABLE WALL!
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING ME!
IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, I WOULD'VE DIED IN SUCH AN EMBARRASSING WAY...
I OWE YOU MY LIFE!
NOT AT ALL. IT WAS JUST THE NATURAL THING TO DO.

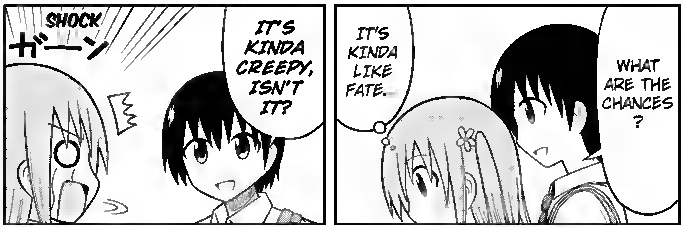

UM... LET ME THANK YOU SOME-HOW!
NO, IT'S REALLY QUITE ALL RIGHT!
I'M ON MY WAY TO A JOB INTER-VIEW, SO I SHOULD BE ON MY WAY.
OH, OKAY.
bow
ぺこっ
THANKS AGAIN!
zzzip
LATNER
BAM
I HOPE HIS JOB INTERVIEW GOES WELL!
HE'S SO COOL, HELPING SOMEONE WITHOUT EXPECTING ANYTHING IN RETURN
THE JOB HE WAS INTER-VIEWING FOR DOESN'T HAPPEN TO BE...
HUH?! ISN'T THAT GUY-?!
ガ〃 bam
ガ〃 bam
bam ガ〃
AAAHHH! I'M STUCK IN THE AUTOMATIC DOORS!

This door is moveable.

The name of the store is "LATNER."

Chapter 1
"HERE FOR THE JOB INTERVIEW?"
UHH...
THIS TIME, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HELPED ME...
THANKS.
NOT AT ALL
IT'S IN RETURN FOR THE HELP YOU GAVE ME EARLIER
'CAUSE, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU'RE IN A JAM, YOU'RE IN A JAM!
FOR SURE!
SO, SINCE I HELPED YOU EARLIER, THIS MAKES US EVEN, AGREED?
AGREED!

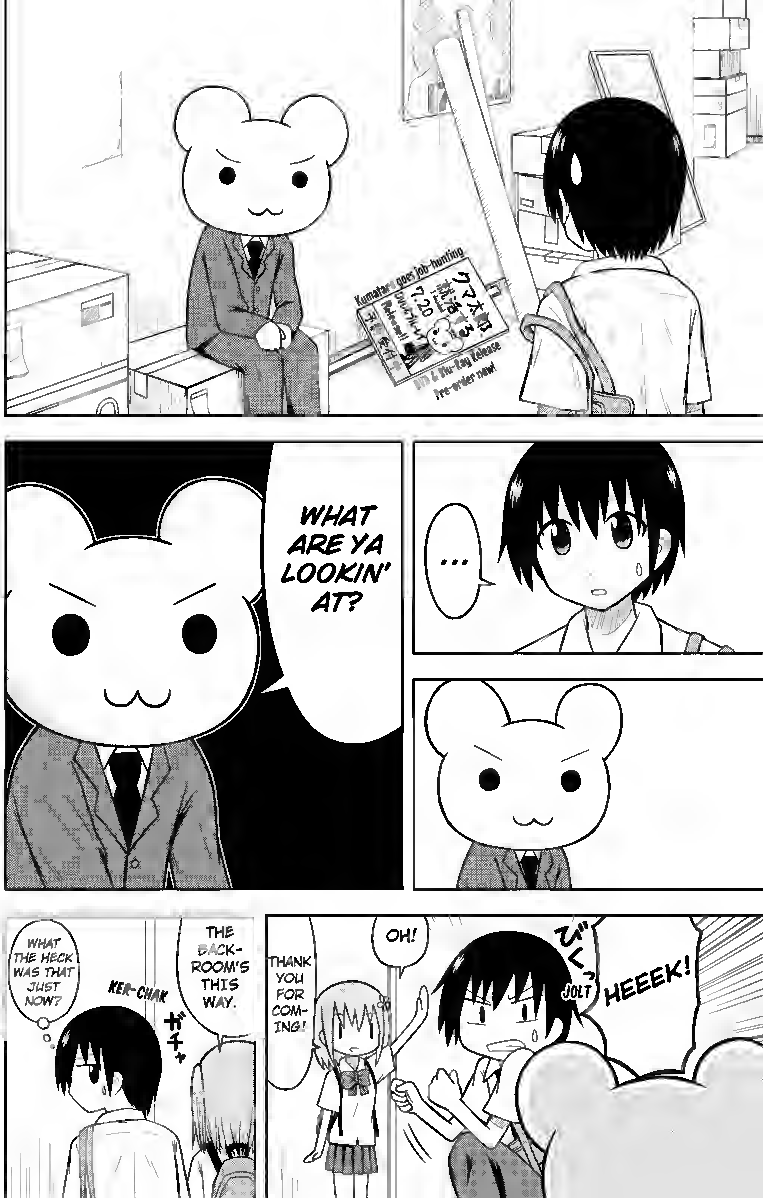
AT ANY RATE, WHAT A CRAZY COINCIDENCE THAT YOU'RE INTERVIEWING FOR A PART-TIME JOB HERE.
THIS IS WHERE I WORK!
IS THAT SO?


WHAT ARE THE CHANCES?
IT'S KINDA LIKE FATE.
SHOCK
ガーン
IT'S KINDA CREEPY, ISN'T IT?

I CAME TODAY TO CHECK MY SHIFTS.
I'LL SHOW YOU THE BACK-ROOM.
I APP-RECIATE IT!
THIS IS IT!
ぽぉ、
fwah
...
ISN'T THIS ...

GYAAAAAA!!!
ドン
BOOM
THE ADULT FILM SEC-TION?

WOOSH
ブォン
PERVY! SCURVY! THE FREAKIN' NERVY!
すかっ
AHHH! I'M SO SORRY I HIT YOU!!
YOU MISSED.
WHEN I SEE SOME-THING SEXUAL, I HIT WHO-EVER'S AROUND ME!!
THEN LET'S GET OUTTA HERE ASAP!
ガチャ
KER-CHAK
THIS IS THE BACK-ROOM, FOR REAL!
ビクッ
JOLT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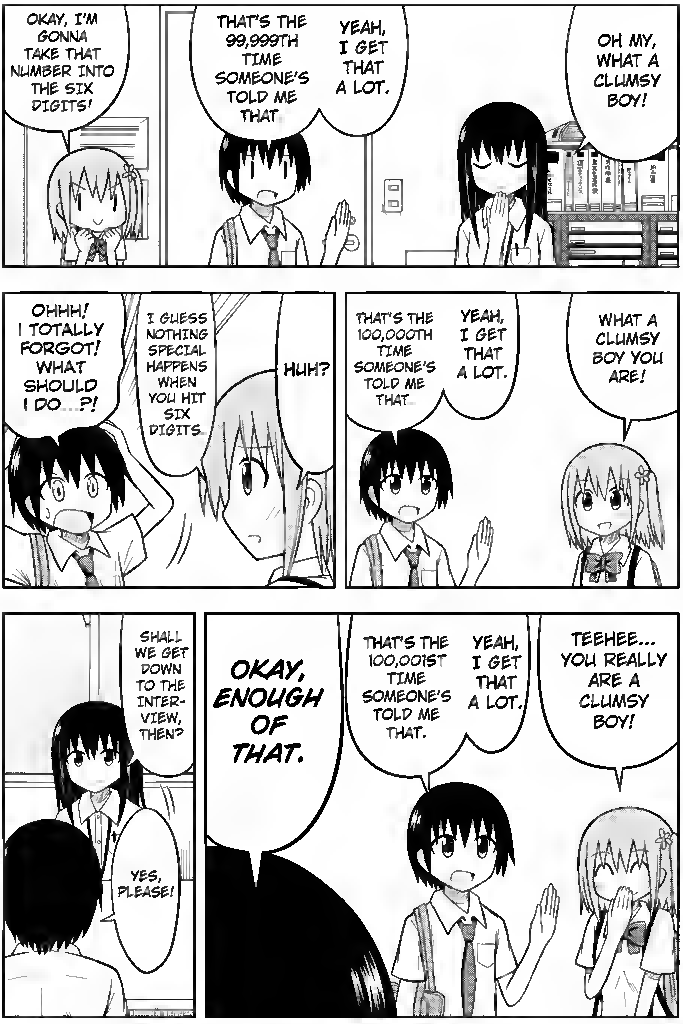
WHAT ARE YA LOOKIN' AT?
...
THE BACK-ROOM'S THIS WAY.
KER-CHAK
ガチャ
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT JUST NOW?
OH!
THANK YOU FOR COM-ING!
びくっ
JOLT
HEEEK!

GOOD MORNING!
OH, GOOD MORNING!
HANA-CHAN, YOU'RE LOOKING CUTE TODAY TOO!
UH... THANK YOU.
UM...
THE PERSON INTERVIEWING FOR THE PART-TIME JOB IS HERE
OH
THAT'S RIGHT!
HEHE
HELLO, INTERESTED JOB APPLICANT.
IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, PLEASE SEARCH ON THE WEB.
WAHHHH!
ばしーーん
KABAM!
ACK! HE'S STUCK AGAIN!!


OKAY, I'M GONNA TAKE THAT NUMBER INTO THE SIX DIGITS!
THAT'S THE 99,999TH TIME SOMEONE'S TOLD ME THAT...
YEAH, I GET THAT A LOT.
OH MY, WHAT A CLUMSY BOY!
OHHH! I TOTALLY FORGOT! WHAT SHOULD I DO...?!
I GUESS NOTHING SPECIAL HAPPENS WHEN YOU HIT SIX DIGITS.
HUH?
THAT'S THE 100,000TH TIME SOMEONE'S TOLD ME THAT...
YEAH, I GET THAT A LOT.
WHAT A CLUMSY BOY YOU ARE!
SHALL WE GET DOWN TO THE INTER-VIEW, THEN?
YES, PLEASE!
OKAY, ENOUGH OF THAT.
THAT'S THE 100,001ST TIME SOMEONE'S TOLD ME THAT.
YEAH, I GET THAT A LOT.
TEEHEE... YOU REALLY ARE A CLUMSY BOY!

HEY! DON'T SUDDENLY FALL ASLEEP!
ZZZ
SNOOORE.
YES!
DID YOU BRING YOUR RESUME WITH YOU?
I'M A LITTLE SLEEPY.
OH... I'M SORRY.
GASP!
LET'S SEE
YOU'RE ASLEEP AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?!
FWIP
HEY!!

AHHH!! I'M SO SORRY!
OF COURSE NOT.
ROK-KAKU-KUN. .
HE'S THE SAME AGE AS ME
YES.
IKKI ROKKA-KU...
FIRST-YEAR STUDENT IN HIGH SCHOOL, HUH...
SO WHAT MADE YOU APPLY FOR THIS JOB?
WELL, AFTER CONSIDERING THE JOB DESCRIPTION, THE HOURS, THE COMMUTE, AND THE EMPLOYEE DISCOUNTS...
I APPLIED BECAUSE, ALL IN ALL, I THOUGHT I'D EARN MONEY MOST EFFICIENTLY HERE!
YOU'VE GIVEN IT A LOT OF THOUGHT

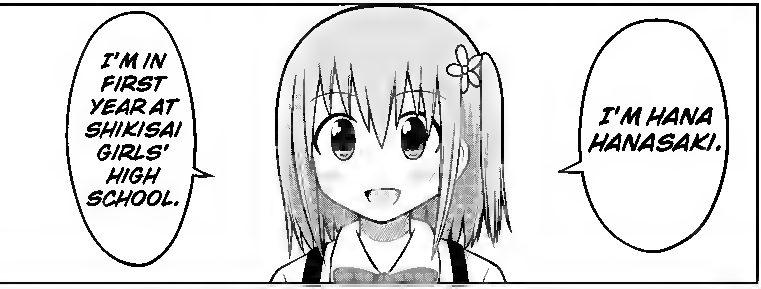
AND OF COURSE, I LOVE WATCHING DIGITAL VIDEO DISCS!
HEHEHE, YOU SOUND LIKE AN OLD FOGEY THE WAY YOU SAY "DVD"!
YOU'LL BE POPU-LAR!
WHAT GENRES DO YOU LIKE?
I LIKE THE ONES THAT TRY TO MAKE BIG MONEY!
SMILE
YOU DON'T SAY...
Uninterested
CAN YOU WORK WEEK-ENDS AND HOLI-DAYS?
"ABSO" TO THE "LUTELY"! I'M DOWN!
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR!
NOW, THE NEXT QUEST-ION I HAVE ..

WHEN WILL I KNOW THE RESULTS OF THE INTER-VIEW?
LASTLY, DO YOU HAVE ANY QUES-TIONS YOUR-SELF?
SO THE MAIN QUEST-IONS HAVE BEEN ASKED
SHALL WE END THE INTER-VIEW HERE, THEN?
YES.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
BOOM
SHW!
IN FIVE SEC-ONDS.
AA-AA-AA-AND ...!
ピタ!
ACCEPT
REJECT
TA-DAH!
コロ…
roll
コロ……
roll
コロ
roll
コロ
roll
コロ
roll

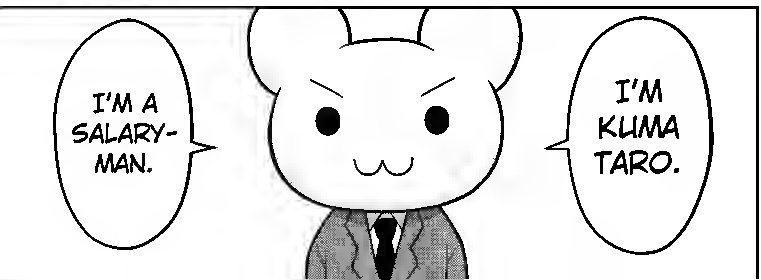
CON-GRATS! YOU'RE HIRED!
YEAHHH!
GRIP
WHAAAT?!! THEN WHAT WERE ALL THOSE QUESTIONS FOR?!!
Flustered
OKAY, NEXT IS TRAIN-ING!
COME HERE AT 5PM TOMOR-ROW!
ROGER!
OKAY, YOU'RE FREE TO GO.
nod
nod
SIGH... I GET TO WORK WITH MY SAVIOR STARTING TOMOR-ROW...
OH JOY!
WAAAHHH!!!
WHA-WHAT ?!!

ばーん
BOOM
ACK!! HE'S STUCK AGAIN!!
HELP MEEE!
flail flail
じた ばた
IT LOOKS LIKE WORK IS...
GONNA BE A LOT OF FUN WITH THIS GUY!
WHAT A FUNNY GUY!
...HEH!
SNOOORE.
ZZZ
DON'T YOU THINK SO?

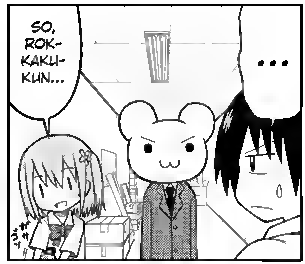
NO, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
UM... WE HAVEN'T INTRODUCED OURSELVES, HAVE WE?
ARE YOU OKAY ...?
YEAH ...


I'M IN FIRST YEAR AT SHIKISAI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.
I'M HANA HANASAKI.

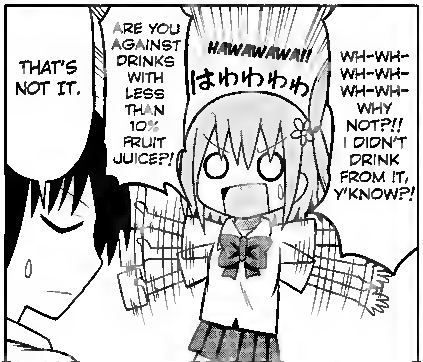
I'M IN FIRST YEAR AT SANSAI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.
I'M IKKI ROKKAKU.

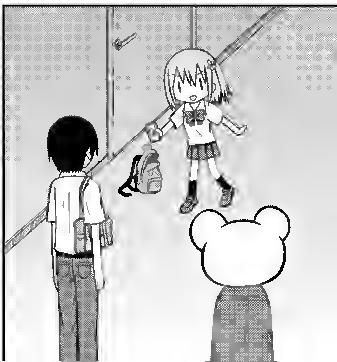

I'M A SALARY-MAN.
I'M KUMA TARO.

HERE!
IT'S JUST SOME-THING I HAPPEN TO HAVE ON ME, BUT I WANTED TO GIVE IT TO YOU AS A CONGRA-TULATORY GIFT FOR GETTING THE JOB!
オレンジヤンキー
果汁10%未満
*Orange Youkine: Less Than 10% Fruit Juice


SO, ROK-KAKU-KUN...
...

NO.


THAT'S NOT IT.
ARE YOU AGAINST DRINKS WITH LESS THAN 10% FRUIT JUICE?!
HAWAWAWA!!
はわわわわ
WH-WH-WH-WH-WH-WH-WHY NOT?!! I DIDN'T DRINK FROM IT, Y'KNOW?!



BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO PAY ME BACK
"OBLIGATED"?

WHEN SOMETHING CONGRATULATORY HAPPENS TO YOU, HANASAKI-SAN!
IF I ACCEPT THAT, I'LL BE OBLIGATED TO GET YOU A PRESENT...

SO, BY ACCEPTING THAT JUICE FROM YOU, I'LL HAVE TO...
CLENCH

YIKES! I CAN'T DENY THAT!
THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT YOU'LL BE THINKING, "THAT JERK ROKKAKU DIDN'T GIVE ME ANYTHING WHEN I GAVE HIM JUICE BEFORE! TERRIBLE!"
YOU MAY SAY THAT, BUT DEEP INSIDE . .

ACCEPTING THAT JUICE FROM YOU IS THE SAME AS ACCEPTING A FUTURE LIKE THAT!
10x the value
AND MAKE SURE THAT I DON'T GET YOU A GIFT THAT EXCEEDS THE VALUE OF THE ONE I GOT FROM YOU!
WORRY ABOUT WHAT TO GIVE YOU...
I like giraffes but I like elephants more!
FIND OUT WHAT THINGS YOU LIKE...
Stuffed Animals

I DON'T WANT TO DO THOSE THINGS, SO I WILL NOT ACCEPT THE JUICE.
DO YOU GET HOW I FEEL?
GOT IT...
THIS GUY IS... SUPER STINGY!
OR RATHER ...
MAN, YOU'RE A PAIN.
TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE, KUMA.
HANASAKI-SAN WANTED TO AMEND HER EARLIER STATEMENT, "WHAT A FUNNY GUY" TO "WHAT A TIRESOME GUY."

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE SHOCKING SECOND CHAPTER!!

Another way to say "stingy" is... a "pinchpenny"!